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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

SIRHAN, Motasim et al.

Application No.: 10/080,920

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed January 6, 2005 and Advisory Action mailed June 23, 2005 on the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.